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Good Evening,

I am afraid that there are too many people being too optimistic about the rift between Russia and China. It is obvious, of course that from the point of view of the Western Allies any quarrel between two communist giants is grist for their mill. But I think they ought to temper their optimism with a certain amount of caution.

You see what this quarrel has done is to drive China into a position of isolation. Fair enough they say: this is just how they want her. But to my mind isolation is far more dangerous than contact or even friendship with Russia. Don't forget that China has never abandoned the old fashioned Communist belief that war with the West is inevitable. This is a fundamental factor in her quarrel with the Russians - they have abandoned this concept for peaceful co-existence - for the Chinese peaceful co-existence is a ~~xxxxxxx~~ sell out. Now that she is in isolation, China's belief in the inevitability of war won't diminish - it is certain to grow. When the line of communication with Russia was open the chances were that Russia's realism about nuclear warfare would temper the Chinese attitude - not completely, but enough for safety. Now that the line is closed, the Chinese would probably develop an even more intransigent attitude to the West, and the possibility of real trouble will loom larger. The crux of the matter is that isolation for China is not the same thing as isolation for say North Vietnam. China is a country of 750 million people: and as some of their delegates to Moscow have recently been saying, they have confidence in their numbers. I don't think by that that sheer numbers will do the trick in time of war. What they mean is that with these numbers, their vast land empire, and their socialist system, they are bound to become a really formidable power fairly soon. So that isolation as such will not have the deterrent force it may have for smaller nations.

The Chinese have also indicated that they are now after having their own nuclear weapons. One of their leaders said ~~xxxxxxx~~ recently that a nuclear bomb will be in the offing in the not too distant future. If these statements are more than just bluff - and it is possible that they are - the Western nations are going to have some harrowing days ahead. But there is another menacing aspect to this quarrel. Russia is a white nation and China is a yellow nation. It is not inconceivable that this rift can lead to a deepening of racial tensions the world over. The Chinese have not failed to point out that Russia has preferred a nuclear test ban treaty with other great white power United States - as over against solid communist comradeship with the non-



non-white Chinese. China may well regard this aspect of the quarrell as ~~xx~~ a spring board - a spring board from which to leap into the racial troubles of the world and try to get a following of non-white areas against the white ones. At first sight this looks improbable, but when you consider that the white versus coloured antagonism has not been getting any better recently but rather been getting worse you can see the possibility of China exploiting it. If there was a time when China's position is a threat to world peace it is now. One way to make China less belligerent would be to admit her ~~xxxxxxxUnitedxStxxxx~~ to the United Nations. Even the United ~~xxxxxxxUnitedxStxxxx~~ States and her sycophants ought to know that this is necessary now. Russia can no longer speak for China. Not to let China speak for herself embarrassing ~~xxxx~~ though this might be to the Western Allies, would certainly confirm this titanic nation that a grimly tough attitude is the only way to make her presence felt in the world.